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It's Time For Kickin ' It Up A Notch !



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Yes indeed! It's that time of year and the holiday season begins at Covenant UMC with Thanksgiving. Then on the following Sunday, November 30, after all the turkey and stuffing is gone, it will be time to come and hear some beautiful music to put you in the *spirit of the season*. Yes, 'tis the season and there will be a CAFA sponsored concert by

Song Of The Coast

Sweet Adelines!

**"SPIRIT OF THE SEASON"
Sunday, November 30**

3:30 p.m.

Light House Ministry

Gayle Hinman, MSW, registered clinical social worker with the state of Florida, is experienced in therapeutic hospice bereavement support, individual and family counseling and has 19 years of walking with Christ through life's ups and downs. available to help you meet life's challenges says, "Sometimes we need someone to bear the burden with us".

"Freely given in Christ. It will be my privilege to meet with you at your home or at an office. To make an appointment, call 386-307-5335."



The quilters thank all those who donated baked goods and came out to support them. Thanks especially to Leonard Addison for donating the coffee. We are pleased, in spite of the lower turn out (probably due to so many other things going on around town and the economy).

Barbara

FAMILY CARE GIVERS MONTH

November is Family Care Givers Month and family care givers play an essential role when a loved one has a chronic or terminal illness. To help inform, two family care givers FAIRS will be held:

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8

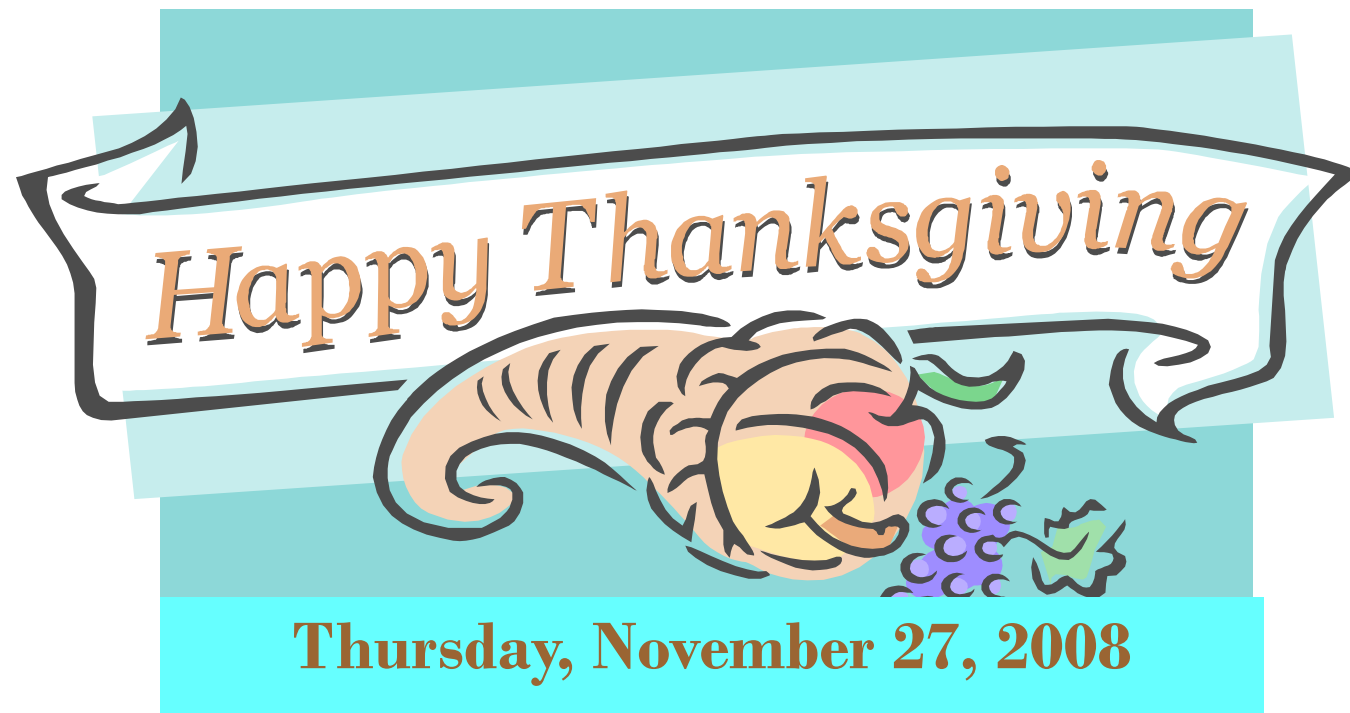
11:00 am—3:00 pm

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THE BELL

I KNOW WHO I AM

I am God's child (John 1:12)
I am Christ's friend (John 15:15)
I am united with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17)
I am bought with a price (1 Cor 6:19-20)
I am a saint (set apart for God). (Eph. 1:1)
I am a personal witness of Christ. (Acts 1:8)
I am the salt & light of the earth (Matt 5:13-14)
I am a member of the body of Christ (1 Cor 12:27)
I am free forever from condemnation (Rom. 8: 1-2)
I am a citizen of Heaven. I am significant (Phil 3:20)
I am free from any charge against me (Rom. 8:31 -34)
I am a minister of reconciliation for God (2 Cor 5:17-21)
I have access to God through the Holy Spirit (Eph. 2:18)
I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realms (Eph. 2:6)
I cannot be separated from the love of God (Rom 8:35-39)
I am established, anointed, sealed by God (2 Cor 1:21-22)
I am assured all things work together for good (Rom. 8:28)
I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit (John 15:16)
I may approach God with freedom and confidence (Eph. 3: 12)
I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me (Phil. 4:13)
I am the branch of the true vine, a channel of His life (John 15: 1-5)
I am God's temple (1 Cor. 3: 16). I am complete in Christ (Col. 2: 10)
I am hidden with Christ in God (Col. 3:3). I have been justified (Romans 5:1)
I am God's co-worker (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor 6:1). I am God's workmanship (Eph. 2:10)
I am confident that the good works God has begun in me will be perfected. (Phil. 1: 5)
I have been redeemed & forgiven (Col 1:14). I have been adopted as God's child (Eph 1:5)

I belong to God
Do you know Who you are?
'The LORD bless you and keep you;
The LORD make His face shine
upon you and be gracious to you;
The LORD turn His face toward
you and give you peace..'
Numbers 6:24-26

Christ's Bell

October Report for
Venetian Bay Community Church
A United Methodist faith community

Greetings to Everyone!

We thank you for your prayers and support as we stand with mouths open and hearts pounding, watching God at work in our beloved Venetian Bay community, building this new church.

On September 28, we had our first "official" Preview Service. We had 52 people!

We are most grateful that the Spirit of the Lord was present, most of all, at that first service.

Additionally, one of our Launch Team members commented, that, "even though we don't have the usual churchy stuff," they realized that "the people really are the church!"

We also took, as our first offering, a collection for the Methodist churches of Cuba and Haiti. We want to be intentional about "thinking more highly of others than ourselves."

We turned in our preliminary Vision and Mission statements on October 1st. The "Five Methodist Ways" are incorporated into our mission statement. We are also working on expanding our preliminary Vision and Mission statements to include specific Small Group and church-wide goals.

On October 4, we had an informal Open House. 27 people and 3 dogs attended. From this outreach, we have: someone committed to leading a small group to work on a Block Party, prior to Launch; two new couples from the neighborhood interested in worshipping with us; another possible small group leader for "Celebrate Recovery;" and a great interest in another outreach opportunity, (someone with astronomy knowledge and experience and equipment) with "viewing the stars" on a Friday month, once a month. These are being followed up on accordingly.

Our Small Group ministry is up and running and moving forward with military-precision under Ed and Helen's leadership. We will meet with all current and potential small group leaders on Sunday, October 19 at 6:30pm at the Briones. We will also have Small Group Leaders training. By November 1, we will have at least 12 small groups meeting, (some already in place). In January, small group commitments will be established for that quarter.

Our small groups include: Prayer Team, (Which also includes a Prayer Walking Team and a study on "Acts 29 - Blueprint for Building a House of Prayer"), Worship Team, (Also working on studying "Presence Based Church" together), Launch Team, Block Party Planning Team, Bible Study at the Briones, "Weary Women" Study for CAFA moms, Golfing Group(s), Life Group at the Slaybacks, Beth Moore studies with JoAnn Miller, "Sharing Your Faith" with John & Sallie Turley, Life Group(s) with the Purdys, Hospitality Team (Food and Greeters ministries), Childrens' Ministry, a Celebrate Recovery group, and CAFA.

"CAFA" is "Childrens Academy of Fine Arts." This is led by Covenant's music director, and resident of Venetian Bay, Leigh Slayback.

We had this after-school childrens' music program start on Tuesday, October 7. Our first occurrence of this important outreach and ministry was great! We had at least 19 kids, and several new faces and families from Venetian Bay.

Our next Preview Service will be Sunday, October 26, at 1000.

In November, we will begin to worship every other week.

In December, we will also offer caroling in the community, and a candlelight service on or just before Christmas Eve.

Respectfully submitted,

To God be the glory,

His servant and yours', Rebecca Hyvonen.